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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF MOSCOW

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH BOB SAYRE THE INSPECTION TEAM'S
AND HIS FINDINGS ON EMBASSY MOSCOW. YOU WILL BE
RECEIVING AN ADVANCE COPY OF THE REPORT IN THE NEAR
FUTURE BUT I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT NOW ON THEIR FINDINGS
ON POST MORALE. I AGREE THAT MORE LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR
STAFF AND DEPENDENTS IS NEEDED AND I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO
ADD RESOURCES TO M/FSI TO CORRECT THE SITUATION WITH
SOME SUCCESS. SO I AM VERY MINDFUL OF THE PROBLEM, AND
ENCOURAGE YOU TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IF NEEDED
TO UPGRADE POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM.

2. THE INSPECTORS ALSO BELIEVE THAT A FORMAL POST
ORIENTATION PROGRAM WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY HELP MORALE IN
MOSCOW. I SUGGEST YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO SET UP
SUCH A PROGRAM SO THAT ALL POST PERSONNEL INCLUDING ADULT
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DEPENDENTS CAN BE BRIEFED ON ARRIVAL AND PERIODICALLY

THEREAFTER ON SUBSTANTIVE AS WELL AS OTHER ISSUES TO THE
MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH SECURITY. A
PERIODIC SESSION IN WHICH PERSONNEL CAN ASK QUESTIONS
AND MAKE KNOWN THEIR PROBLEMS IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE ESPECI-
ALLY IN A SITUATION LIKE MOSCOW. YOU WILL HAVE TO JUDGE

HOW OFTEN AN ORAL BRIEFING IS NECESSARY BUT I WOULD THINK
THAT ONCE A QUARTER WOULD BE A MINIMUM IN ADDITION TO
BEEFING UP CONTENT OF TWIM. KISSINGER

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